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**LOUISIANA LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER**

Commercial red meat production in Louisiana during June totaled, 1.3 million pounds, unchanged from May, but 7 percent below the previous year.

There were 1,500 head of **cattle** slaughtered during June, down 100 head from May, and 400 head below the previous year. Average live weight was 794 pounds, down 8 pounds from the previous month, but 20 pounds above June 1999. Total live weight at 1.19 million pounds was down 5 percent from May, and 18 percent below a year ago.

**Calves** slaughtered during June totaled 1,100 head, up 200 head from May, but was unchanged from the previous year. Live weight averaged 482 pounds, down 9 pounds from May, and 8 pounds below a year ago. Total live weight at 515 thousand pounds was up 17 percent from May, but virtually unchanged from last year.

The number of **hogs** slaughtered during June, totaled 2,500 head, unchanged from May, but 100 head below June 1999. Average live weight was 197 pounds, down 14 pounds from May, and 10 pounds below the previous year. Total live weight was 495 thousand pounds, 8 percent below the previous month, and 9 percent below a year ago.

The total number of **sheep** slaughtered during June was 300 head, up 200 head from May, and 100 head above the previous year. Live weight averaged 93 pounds, up 5 pounds from the previous month, and 1 pound above the previous year. #

**UNITED STATES LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.94 billion pounds in June, up slightly from the previous record high for June set in 1999.

June 1999 and 2000 both contained 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.

**Comparing June 2000 with June 1999**

**Beef production**, at 2.37 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous record high for June set last year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.24 million head, up 1 percent from 1999. The average live weight was up 10 pounds from the previous year, at 1,205 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 19 million pounds, 1 percent below the previous record low for June set a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 95.3 thousand head, down 9 percent from June 1999. The average live weight was 25 pounds above last year, at 322 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.54 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.95 million head, 4 percent below 1999. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 262 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 17 million pounds, was down 1 percent from the previous record low for June set in 1999. Sheep slaughter totaled 260 thousand head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, up 3 pounds from June a year ago.

January - June red meat production was 22.9 billion pounds, 1 percent higher than the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 2 percent higher than last year, veal was up 1 percent, pork was down 2 percent, and lamb & mutton was down 2 percent. #

**COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION**

ITEM	LOUISIANA					UNITED STATES			
	May	June			Jan - June	June		Jan - June	
	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	-----Number, thousand head-----					-----Number, thousand head-----			
Cattle	1.6	1.9	1.5	12.7	10.4	3,206.8	3,236.8	17,908.8	18,200.1
Calves	0.9	1.1	1.1	6.3	5.9	104.8	95.3	612.9	558.4
Hogs	2.5	2.6	2.5	19.2	18.1	8,319.2	7,950.3	49,867.3	48,124.6
Sheep & Lambs	0.1	0.2	0.3	1.6	1.8	270.0	260.3	1,841.6	1,783.5
	-----Total live weight, thousand pounds-----					-----Total live weight, thousand pounds-----			
Cattle	1,262	1,449	1,193	9,717	8,661	3,832,344	3,901,800	21,606,659	22,056,297
Calves	441	516	515	2,919	2,796	31,072	30,692	179,502	181,649
Hogs	536	544	495	4,122	3,810	2,156,831	2,081,082	12,924,958	12,610,454
Sheep & Lambs	12	20	25	164	170	35,154	34,612	247,918	243,809
	-----Average live weight, pounds-----					-----Average live weight, pounds-----			
Cattle	802	774	794	765	833	1,195	1,205	1,206	1,212
Calves	491	490	482	463	474	297	322	293	325
Hogs	211	207	197	215	210	259	262	259	262
Sheep & Lambs	88	92	93	103	94	130	133	135	137
	-----Million pounds-----					-----Million pounds-----			
Red meat	1.3	1.4	1.3	9.6	8.8	3,940	3,940	22,752	22,874

## U. S. CATTLE AND CALVES - JULY 1, 2000

CLASS	LOUISIANA 1/	UNITED STATES		2000 AS % of 1999
	Jan. 1, 2000	1999	2000	
		-----1,000 HEAD-----		PERCENT
All Cattle and Calves	<b>910</b>	107,000	106,400	99
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	<b>565</b>	43,300	43,200	100
Beef Cows	<b>504</b>	34,150	33,950	99
Milk Cows	<b>61</b>	9,150	9,250	101
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	<b>110</b>	16,600	16,500	99
For Beef Cow Replacement	<b>81</b>	4,800	4,700	98
For Milk Cow Replacement	<b>12</b>	3,700	3,700	100
Other Heifers	<b>17</b>	8,100	8,100	100
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	<b>22</b>	14,400	14,300	99
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	<b>33</b>	2,200	2,100	95
Calves Under 500 Pounds	<b>180</b>	30,500	30,300	99
Calf Crop 2/	<b>440</b>	38,710	38,900	100

1/Estimates are not published for Louisiana on July 1. 2/For the current year, the U. S. calf crop is the number of calves born before July 1 plus the number expected to be born on and after July 1. For Louisiana, it is calves born in 1999.

## JULY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT

All **cattle and calves** in the United States as of July 1, 2000, totaled 106.4 million head, 1 percent below the 107.0 million on July 1, 1999, and 1 percent below the 107.7 million two years ago.

All **cows and heifers** that have calved, at 43.2 million, were slightly below the 43.3 million on July 1, 1999, and 1 percent below the 43.6 million two years ago.

C     **Beef cows**, at 34.0 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 1999, and 1 percent below two years ago.

C     **Milk cows**, at 9.25 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 1999, and 1 percent above two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2000, and the changes from July 1 last year and two years ago, respectively, are as follows:

C     **All heifers** 500 pounds and over, 16.5 million, down 1 percent from both years.

C     **Beef replacement heifers**, 4.7 million, down 2 percent, and down 6 percent.

C     **Milk replacement heifers**, 3.7 million, unchanged and up 3 percent.

C     **Other heifers**, 8.1 million, unchanged from both years.

C     **Steers** weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.3 million, down 1 percent, and down 2 percent.

C     **Bulls** weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, down 5 percent from both years.

C     **Calves** under 500 pounds, 30.3 million, down 1 percent from both years.

C     The 2000 **calf** crop is expected to be 38.9 million, up slightly from 1999 and 1998.

## LOUISIANA CATFISH GROWERS SURVEY

Commercial catfish operations in Louisiana had 23.7 million foodsize fish on hand July 1, 2000, down 7 percent from the July 1, 1999 total of 25.7 million. Live weight totaled 30.7 million pounds for all foodsize fish, 7 percent below July 1, 1999. The breakout of foodsize fish inventory numbers, on July 1, 2000 with percent changed from the previous year are: large foodsize, 790,000, up 61 percent; medium foodsize, 8.4 million up 13 percent; and small foodsize 14.6 million, down 18 percent. Catfish producers had 64,000 broodfish on hand on July 1, 2000, up 16 percent from last year. Live weight totaled 280,000 pounds for broodfish, unchanged from July 1, 1999. The number of stockers on hand on July 1, 2000, totaled 26.3 million fish, down 47 percent from the 49.6 million fish on hand a year ago. Of the total number of stockers on hand, 16.7 million were large stockers, down 37 percent from the previous year. The remaining 9.6 million were small stockers, down 59 percent. Live weight totaled 7.88 million pounds for all stockers, 41 percent below July 1 last year. Producers had 99.5 million fingerlings and fry on hand July 1, 2000, up 37 percent from the 72.5 million fingerlings and fry on hand July 1, 1999. Live weight, at 1.94 million pounds, was up 67 percent from the 1.17 million pounds a year ago.#

## U.S. CATFISH GROWERS SURVEY

Commercial catfish operations in the four major producing States (Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi) had 288 million foodsize fish on hand July 1, 2000, down 5 percent from July 1, 1999 total of 302 million. The breakouts of foodsize fish inventory numbers on July 1, 2000, with their previous year are: large foodsize, 4.00 million, down 20 percent; medium foodsize, 52.1 million, down 8 percent; and small foodsize, 231 million, down 4 percent. The four major States also had 1.27 million broodfish on hand on July 1, 2000, up 9 percent from last year's 1.16 million. Live weight totaled 5.97 million pounds for broodfish, up 5 percent from July 1, 1999. The number of large stockers on hand July 1, 2000, totaled 385 million fish, up 7 percent from the 361 million fish on hand a year ago. There were 377 million small stockers, down 9 percent from last year. Producers had 1.76 billion fingerlings and fry on hand on July 1, 2000, down slightly from the 1.77 billion fingerlings and fry on hand July 1, 1999. Live weight, at 24.5 million pounds, was up 2 percent from the 24.0 million pounds a year ago.#

### LOUISIANA CATFISH PRODUCTION, JULY 1 COMPARED TO UNITED STATES

ITEM	LOUISIANA				UNITED STATES			
	TOTAL NUMBER		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		TOTAL NUMBER		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	-----1,000 Fish-----		-----1,000 Pounds-----		-----1,000 Fish-----		-----1,000 Pounds-----	
<b>Broodfish</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>280</b>	1,160	1,269	5,710	5,970
Large Foodsize	<b>490</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>1,580</b>	<b>2,520</b>	4,990	4,000	16,555	13,410
Medium Foodsize	<b>7,360</b>	<b>8,350</b>	<b>14,800</b>	<b>14,100</b>	56,760	52,100	104,700	94,400
Small Foodsize	<b>17,800</b>	<b>14,600</b>	<b>16,750</b>	<b>14,100</b>	240,550	231,400	233,250	227,800
<b>Total Foodsize</b>	<b>25,650</b>	<b>23,740</b>	<b>33,130</b>	<b>30,720</b>	302,300	287,500	354,505	335,610
Large Stockers	<b>26,300</b>	<b>16,700</b>	<b>10,750</b>	<b>6,650</b>	361,300	385,300	143,650	156,250
Small Stockers	<b>23,300</b>	<b>9,600</b>	<b>2,550</b>	<b>1,230</b>	414,400	376,700	41,590	37,380
<b>Total Stockers</b>	<b>49,600</b>	<b>26,300</b>	<b>13,300</b>	<b>7,880</b>	775,700	762,000	185,240	193,630
<b>Fingerlings/Fry</b>	<b>72,500</b>	<b>99,500</b>	<b>1,165</b>	<b>1,940</b>	1,765,700	1,759,500	23,985	24,500

## PRICES RECEIVED INDEX DOWN 1 PERCENT<sup>1</sup>

The All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in July was 98 based on 1990-92= 100, down 1.0 percent from the June index. Lower prices for corn, wheat, soybeans, and eggs more than offset price increases for milk, cucumbers, onions, and potatoes. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index; however, these changes were essentially offsetting in July.

Compared with July 1999, the All Farm Products Index was 3.2 percent higher. Price increases from July 1999 for hogs, cattle, wheat, and soybeans more than offset price decreases for milk, corn, grapes, and oranges.

## PRICES PAID INDEX UNCHANGED

The July Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 120 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was unchanged from June but 4.3 percent above July 1999. Lower prices in July for feed grains, herbicides, hay and forages, and gasoline, were offset by higher prices for feeder cattle, LP gas, feed concentrates, and diesel fuel.

## AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

ITEM	LOUISIANA			UNITED STATES		
	ENTIRE MONTH		PRELIMINARY	ENTIRE MONTH		PRELIMINARY
	July 1999	June 2000	July 2000 1/	July 1999	June 2000	July 2000 1/
	Dollars			Dollars		
Soybeans, per bushel	4.21	4.61	4.45	4.19	4.92	4.48
Rice, per cwt	7.21	5.59	5.29	8.26	5.59	5.57
Upland Cotton, per pound	.523	.436	2/ .435	.538	.464	2/ .483
Hay, all, baled, per ton 1/	N/A	N/A	N/A	78.40	82.50	80.20
Beef Cattle, per cwt	48.10	52.00	54.00	62.60	68.50	68.00
Steers & Heifers, per cwt	71.90	81.90	85.00	65.20	71.50	71.00
Cows, per cwt	35.80	38.60	38.00	37.70	40.00	39.80
Calves, per cwt	85.30	97.10	103.00	89.20	104.00	106.00
Broilers, live, per pound	N/A	N/A	N/A	.380	.370	.375
Eggs All, per dozen	N/A	N/A	N/A	.598	.629	.572
All Milk, per cwt 3/	14.90	4/	4/	13.80	12.20	12.70

1/Mid-month; 2/Based on sales during the first half of the month; 3/Before deductions for hauling and government withholdings. Includes bulk tank, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 4/Monthly estimates discontinued January 2000. N/A = Not Available

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